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TO : Chief, Procurement and Supply

FROM : Chief, Real Estate & Construction Division

SUBJECT: Activity Report from 23 January to date.

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DATE: 29 January 1953

1. Four acres of land at [REDACTED] for Commo - (a) Temporary connections made whereby D. C. Government furnishes power in accordance with oral arrangements.
- (b) D. C. Corporation Counsel is drafting formal agreement for power.
- (c) Construction is complete with exception of internal wiring.
- (d) Use Permit executed by DCI and returned to D. C. Commissioners.
- (e) Requirements for security fence and road improvements being prepared by Commo - accomplishment of work to be discussed with GSA.

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2. Microwave Relay Station at [REDACTED] - Construction complete with exception of internal wiring. Power has been ordered and will be connected upon completion of wiring. (Procurement Div. contract).

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3. Eight additional dependent houses for [REDACTED] - All details have been clarified with exception of proportionate share of cost of site development, inspection services, and purchase of land. Site development and inspection service is pending details from the field. Proposals for purchase of land is being presented to DD/A for policy determination.

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4. Extension of [REDACTED] for use as office space by activities of NEA/DD/P - Staff study prepared, revision thereof pending receipt of details from the field.

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5. Installation of vault in I&S, [REDACTED] - Estimate of \$1800 (reduction of \$700) received from GSA which is still considered high. Final determination will be reached upon I&S representative visiting [REDACTED] on 1 February.

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6. Lease of 30 houses and Bachelor Officer Quarters for [REDACTED] - Representative of this Division to depart on or about 1 February 1953 to negotiate leases. Several meetings have been held with [REDACTED] on the final details of the requirement and method of implementation. Further, meeting was held with Commo on respective housing situation on [REDACTED]. Due to security arrangements, RE&C representative will not be able to overtly handle Commo housing, however, the entire problem will be carefully reviewed with Commo's [REDACTED] through the [REDACTED] and method of implementation devised. In view of the future overall housing requirements (approximately [REDACTED] houses) of [REDACTED] and Commo on [REDACTED] it appears that a Realty Officer will have to be permanently stationed on [REDACTED] to handle these requirements.

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7. Purchase of land in [REDACTED] - EE has cancelled this project.
8. Acquisition of warehouse space in [REDACTED] for Supply Division, PSO - Alterations in progress.
9. Metropolitan Area Warehouses - Study of requirements for metropolitan area warehouses with Supply Division continuing.
10. Office space in [REDACTED] for Contact Field Office - GSA, Washington, is contacting their [REDACTED] office for reply on this matter.
11. Acquisition of 5,000 sq. ft. of warehouse and special storage space in Metropolitan Area for SR Division - Preliminary arrangements completed by 4 Feb. 1953.

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12. Purchase of house in [REDACTED] - Request received from field for purchase of house at cost of \$36,000. Proposal discussed with [REDACTED] who recommended that this purchase not be made. Field notified that request was unreasonable and requested that further survey be made with the assistance of local [REDACTED] representative.

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1. Project [REDACTED] - Construction proceeding at both sites, excavations and footings. Discussion was held with power company (VEPCO). VEPCO will not build 11 [REDACTED] at land to the buildings. REA will service [REDACTED] is not within REA area. Further discussions are to be held, however, it appears that Government will have to build its own power line to the property line.

2. Project [REDACTED] - Pending receipt of information from the Field regarding construction estimates being requested by WH Division.

3. [REDACTED] - Preparation of plans and specifications continuing in this Division (approximately 92% complete).

4. Project [REDACTED] - Lease negotiations completed. [REDACTED] will present lease for approval to Armed Services Committee. Representatives of DD/A, OTR, and PSO are presently on the site for examination of existing buildings. Possibility of reduction in construction estimate.

5. Project [REDACTED] - Negotiations with sub-contractor regards claim for extra compensation (\$22,400.40) for ground preparation of air strip jump area will follow review of our proposals by representative of General Counsel's Office which is presently taking place.

Payment of 90% of fixed fee approved. Approval of contract pending.

6. [REDACTED] - estimate on cost of construction of sewage work received this date, pending review and determination proceeding with work.

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